Rubber Restriction Scheme.

149. *MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI (*Minachil* cum *Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleasedto state whether they propose to participate in the renewed Rubber Restriction Scheme?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: Yes.

Construction of a bridge across the Vaikathillathil thodu.

150. *MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have sanctioned the construction of a bridge across the Vaikathillathil thodu on the Padiyadi-Neerattupuram road in the Tiruvella taluk;

(*b*) whether any provision has been made in the budget for the construction of the bridge referred to in (*a*); and

(*c*) the progress thus far made by the department in the construction of the bridge and the amount spent, if any?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Piles have been screwed down and the girders fitted on them. Dry rubble pitching on the western approach has been finished and the approach road also almost completed. A sum of Rs. 2,030 has been spent to date.

Construction of a bridge at Arattimkel.

151. *MR. E. P. VARGHESE (*Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertala*): Will the Government be pleased to state what steps, if any, have been taken for the construction of a bridge at Arattimkel on the Shertala-Arattimkel cross road?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: An estimate for the construction of the bridge has been prepared by the Public Works Department.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE: May I know when the estimates were prepared?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: In October 1936.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE: May I know the amount estimated?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: I think it is Rs. 5,150.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE: May I know when the road was completed?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: I claim notice.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE: Is the Chief Engineer aware that 12 years have elapsed since the road was completed?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: Sir, I am glad to find that the honourable member is able to answer his own question.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE: May I know whether there was any persistent demand for a bridge on that road?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: Yes, Sir.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE: May I know why funds were not set apart for the construction of a bridge?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: Funds were not available.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE: May I know when the honourable member expects to get funds?

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PRESIDENT : The honourable member is not entitled to answer hypothetical questions.

Improving the Chengannur—Illymala canal.

152. ✻ **MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they or the department have considered the question of widening and improving the Chengannur-Illymala canal popularly known as Muzhical thodu in Tiruvella taluk and

(*b*) the action hitherto taken by them or the department in the matter ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Investigation is in progress and the estimate for the work will be ready early in 1114.

Road from Kalavoor to Kattoor.

153. ✻ **MR. E. P. VARGHESE :** Will the Government be pleased to state whether anything has been done towards the opening of a cross road from Kalavoor to Kattoor on the Alleppey-Aroor road ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT : An estimate for Rs. 19,700 has been sanctioned for the work and the work will be taken up for execution when funds become available.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE : May I know whether the Chief Engineer has asked for funds for the completion of that road ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT : That is a matter between myself and the Government. I cannot answer such questions.

Dispensary building at Athirampuzha.

154. ✻ **MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the present dispensary building at Athirampuzha is a rented one ;

(*b*) whether they have received any representation from the Ettumanur public for the early shifting of this dispensary to Ettumanur ; and

(*c*) what action, if any, was taken on it ?

VAIDYASASTRAKUSALA DR. (MRS.) M. PONNEN LUKOSE :

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) There were also counter petitions from the public of Athirampuzha and surrounding places praying that the dispensary may not be shifted from the place. The matter was enquired into and as the Athirampuzha Church authorities have assured the Surgeon General that they would carry out the maintenance work of the present dispensary buildings to the satisfaction of the Medical Department, the correspondence in respect of the shifting of the dispensary was closed.

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